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SIRKAR PRIMARY SCHOOL—VILLEDAM—SALE OF USUFRUCTS

142. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received a signed and stamped petition addressed to the Director of Public Instruction regarding the sale of the usufructs of jack tree in the compound of the Sirkar Primary School, Villedam;

(*b*) what was the amount for which the usufructs were sold this year 1119 as seen from the auction sale report;

(*c*) whether there was not an actual undertaking in the petition by one Kaplingat Kannan Nayar to take up the usufructs for Rs. 10;

(*d*) what, if any, were the final orders on the petition?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 5—4—0.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The petition was from one "Koottalai Kunjan Nayar". It was dismissed after enquiry.

SIRKAR PRIMARY SCHOOL—VILLEDAM—TEACHERS ENTERTAINED AND TRANSFERRED

143. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who were the teachers entertained in the Sirkar Primary School, Villedam by the end of Mithunam 1118;

(*b*) whether any of the teachers of the school have been transferred in Karkadagam 1118;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative will they please state the names of those teachers who were transferred with the places of their postings on transfer;

(*d*) the reasons if any for the transfer;

(*e*) whether T.A. was allowed on transfer to the new places to all or any of the teachers?

Mr. P. Sankaran Nambiyar *(Director of Public Instruction)*:

(*a*) (1) T. I. Luiz, Headmistress.
(2) K. Kunjikrishna Menon, P1 Assistant teacher.
(3) P. Kochukrishna Menon, P1 do.
(4) P. N. Sankaran Ezhuthassan, P1 do.
(5) C. Balakrishna Menon, P2 do.
(6) P. Narayana Menon, P3 and officiating P2 Assistant teacher.
(7) K. Sivarama Menon do. do.
(8) I. Malathy Amma do. do.

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(9) P. Kochammu Amma, Needle-work mistress.
(10) P. Janaki Amma, Music mistress.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No answer in view of answer to (*b*).

(*d*) Does not arise,

(*e*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

OUT-TURN OF PADDY—INCREASING OF

144. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they have noted the statement of Mr. Raman Menon that he is "sure that if the above works are taken up there will be enough paddy for Cochin, and other factors which go to produce an increased out-turn of paddy will become simpler and can be adopted by the ryots without risk?"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

SERVICE BOATS RUNNING BETWEEN ERNAKULAM AND KOTTAPURAM

145. Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the number of 30 or 32 service boats that were previously plying between Ernakulam and Kottapuram (Cranganur) have now been reduced to half their former number as per the instructions of the Public Works Department;

(*b*) whether Government are aware of the fact that as a result of this arrangement there is now over-crowding in the reduced number of boats and many passengers are compelled to postpone or cancel their journeys undertaken for essential purposes;

(*c*) whether Government have received requests from the public to increase the number of service boats in the line by making adequate arrangements with the oil companies for the supply of crude oil and petrol to the boat owners direct from companies concerned instead of through their agents;

(*d*) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the first portion dealing with the above subject of an article published on page 6 of the "Sahodaran" newspaper in its issue dated 24th June 1944 and the leaderete, on the subject published in the same issue of that paper?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Consequent on the shortage of crude oil supply, it was necessary to curtail timings of motor boats. The service to Kottapuram was in this connection reduced from 21 to 10.

(*b*) A few cases of over-crowding have come to notice. Government are aware that there is some inconvenience to passengers.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* In answer to sub-division (c) may I know what action has been taken by the Government regarding this matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There was necessity to curtail the consumption of crude oil and we were advised that this is a matter of urgent importance. Steps were then taken to reduce the extent of boat traffic by one half. The number of boats to Kottapuram was 21 and this was reduced to 10. Similar reductions have been made in the case of boats going to Travancore waters also. Formerly as a matter of fact the motor boat services were running at a loss on account of very severe competition. Services were much more then necessary and their reduction has resulted in some salutary condition in the case of the service.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What has the Government done to lessen the inconvenience?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have all to put up with some inconvenience on account of the conditions prevailing. Since it was necessary to curtail the expenditure on crude oil, this process had to be taken.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Thalappalli):* May I know whether crude oil is issued by the company or through agents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Through the accredited agents of the oil company.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the company cannot supply direct?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That cannot be done. These companies have got their agents and if there is any complaint regarding the service done by the agents it is open to the public to make representations either to the company direct or to their Inspectors.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know whether any such representations has been received?

Mr. V. K. Arvindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have heard about that. But I have not received any official representations.

KATTUR THAZHEKKAT BAZAAR ROAD—REPAIRS TO

146. Mr. George Panikulam *(Irinjalakkuda):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the Kattur Thazhekkat Bazaar road is the most ipmortant road with very heavy traffic in the whole of the Kattur constituency;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased immediately to order granite-metalling for this road which covers only about a mile?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) & (*b*) This is a gravel road and is in a fair condition now. There is no necessity to granite-metal it now.

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